

U. S. OFFICERS LOOKED AFTER BY RECENTLY ORGANIZED SOCIETY

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Families of all the officers enrolled in the United States reserve corps have been invited to see to it that as many of them as possible be made members of the Society of American Officers before they are sent to serve with the American army in France. These officers include the men who were trained in and received their commissions from such camps as those at Plattsburg, N. Y., and at other points.

In a statement just issued by the Society of American Officers, the families of all the officers of the reserve corps are invited to send in applications in behalf of their officers, giving their full names, addresses and the branch of the service in which they are commissioned. The announcement is made that "any officer who has been commissioned

by a state or the federal government is eligible for membership, which he retains for life unless dishonorably discharged or convicted of a felony.

"This society," the statement says, "founded upon lines closely following that of the celebrated Society of the Cincinnati of Washington's day, undertakes to keep a likeness of every member and a subsequent running record both of his origin, his experience and his military career for the balance of his life.

"The society is a purely patriotic one, its entrance fee is but \$3 and its dues are only \$1 yearly. The one additional item of expense is 80 cents for the little bronze button, which serves as an identification tag to be sent back to his family or the society from the battlefield by his brother officers."

It is suggested by the society that the young officers should not be required to add the cost of membership to that of their uniform and equipment. "Yet," the statement adds, "we doubt if there is a parent or a wife, or a sister or a sweetheart in America who would not be glad to know that the young officer was watched over and guarded by such an organization and its members and, if lost, that the little emblem was likely to come back to them with the brief word from some brother member in arms."

The president of the Society of American Officers is Brigadier General Oliver B. Bridgman of the Army and Navy club, New York City; its secretary, Col. Thomas Denny, 30 Pine street, New York City, and its treasurer, Maj. William H. Palmer, 141 Broadway, New York.

JAPANESE LONG DISTANCE RUNNERS MAKE GOOD RECORD IN MARATHONS

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—That the Japanese long distance runner will be a formidable opponent in future international track and road races is amply demonstrated by the details of the latest marathon race held in the land of the rising sun. The run was between Yokohama and a suburban park over a 25-mile course and the winner covered the full distance in 2 hours, 30 minutes and 12 seconds. Of the thirty starters all but six finished the race and the majority reached the mark in good physical condition.

RELAY CARNIVAL.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—The University of Pennsylvania Athletic association has decided to stage the annual relay carnival next April as usual and the final races will be held the last Saturday of that month unless unforeseen events should cause a change in the date. This track and field meet, which has grown to be the biggest inter-collegiate athletic contest of the year, has in recent seasons been divided into a 2-day program, but it is uncertain at this time whether that schedule will be adhered to or the April races confined to one day. Much will depend upon the class and number of entries received. If there is a loss in college entrants the schoolboy athletes will be featured.

While this is not the best time made in a marathon race in Japan, it is a record for that distance. During 1913 a Japanese runner ran the full marathon distance of 26 miles 385 yards in 2 hours, 31 minutes and 28 seconds, in a trial race held in connection with early preparation for the Olympic games, scheduled at that time to be staged at Berlin in 1916. This time is better than that made by any winner of a marathon race held at Olympic games since the initial revival of this classic track and field meet at Athens in 1896.

The record of 2:30:12 for the 25-mile course is not equal to the best time made in the Boston A. A. marathon race, staged annually at Boston since 1897. This contest is also run over a 25-mile course and the best time was made in 1912, when M. J. Ryan of the New York Irish-American A. C. won in 2:31:18. The speed in the Japanese race, however, is fully up to the average in the Boston event and far ahead of the record for the first American marathon, which was won in 2:25:55-3/4 at New York in 1896.

HIGH SPEED BOAT.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Although the mile-a-minute boat was considered more or less of a dream until recent years, this speed has been surpassed in the past two seasons in actual racing and now the standard has been set at better than 70 miles per hour. The new records, which were made in tests against time, were clocked at Lake George, where late last month the 28-foot hydroplane Whip-Po-Will, owned by an officer of the American Power Boat association, covered a meas-

ured mile in 51:35, or at an average of 70.15 miles per hour. Six 1-mile dashes were made the first day and average was 64.74 miles per hour, while the average of the second day's tests was 69.39 miles per hour, with two of the mile sprints showing an average of better than 70 miles per hour.

NEW PUTTEES.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Following the suggestion of allied and American officers who have recently served on the western front, the United States marines are ever-

menting with a new type of legging to be worn with their new winter field uniform. It will replace the present type of legging, made of canvas.

A puttee with bound edges and simple wrap that may be easily adjusted has been suggested and is now under consideration of marine corps officials. It will embody all the good points of the several different kinds of leggings used by the allied armies in the field. The new puttee is as nearly perfect as modern ingenuity can make it and, if adopted, will make the marines' winter field a most distinctive uniform.

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ASK DISMISSAL OF ANTI-DRAFT SUITS

LAW DECLARED CONSTITUTIONAL; ATTACKS AGAINST IT CALLED "FRIVOLOUS."

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—In a brief just made public asking the supreme court to dismiss cases attacking the constitutionality of the selective draft law, the government asserts that power conferred upon congress to declare war carries with it authority to compel military service either at home or abroad. Compulsory draft is declared to have been a normal method of raising armies ever since this government was established, the legality of which has been repeatedly upheld by the courts. The situation in Russia is pointed to, without mentioning the name, as a demonstration that there can with safety be no absolute freedom in civilized societies.

"If the argument against this law upon constitutional grounds be not frivolous," says the brief, "then that adjective has lost its legal significance."

The cases now before the court include nine appeals from Minnesota, Georgia and Ohio, in which persons were convicted of either failing to register on June 5 or of attempting to block the operations of the act by urging others of draft age not to comply with it. Among the cases are those of Emma Goldman and Alexander Berkman, convicted in New York after having made speeches opposing the law. Argument on them probably will be begun Tuesday.

TAKE OVER STEAMERS.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 10.—The Austrian and German steamers seized some time ago and interned here have been distributed as follows: Silesia and China, both Austrian, to the United States; Bohemia, Austrian, and Albion and Triumph, German, to Japan; Deike Rickmers, German, to Italy; Kathe, German, to France, and Seta and Helene, German, to Great Britain.

FURTHER DETAILS OF JACOB JONES

ADMIRAL SIMS TELLS HOW U. S. DESTROYER WAS SUNK BY SUBMARINE.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Further details from Vice-Admiral Sims yesterday began to unfold the story of the torpedoing of the destroyer Jones, but did not lessen the toll of lives lost with the ship. Only 44 of 110 or more officers and men aboard are known to have survived, including one unidentified man picked up and carried off by the submarine that struck the blow.

These reports added to the list of dead Ensign Staunton F. Kalk of Omaha, Neb., a young officer, who died of exposure. The dispatches gave no further details of the escape of Lieutenant Commander Bagley and the other survivors, but they contained the names of 17 of the rescued in addition to those announced Saturday night. Secretary Daniels issued this statement:

"Additional information received from Vice-Admiral Sims reveals the fact that the Jacob Jones was torpedoed at 4:12 p. m. on December 6. She began to settle aft and finally sank at 4:29. The submarine was not seen until some time after the ship sank. The submarine then picked up one survivor, whose identity is not known. The destroyer was not so far from the European coast as was indicated by the first dispatches.

"Gunner Harry R. Hood of Atlanta, Ga., was killed by the explosion of the torpedo. Ensign S. F. Kalk, whose name was not in the roster of officers published previously, died of exposure. His next of kin is his mother, Mrs. Flore S. Kalk, 127 North Forty-second street, Omaha, Neb.

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TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Entry blanks for the boys' and junior indoor tennis championship tournament, to be played at New York the last week in this month, are being distributed. The officers of the national association expect a number of entries from various parts of the East and Middle West, as the tournament will be played during the holidays and will not conflict with the scholastic duties of the entrants.

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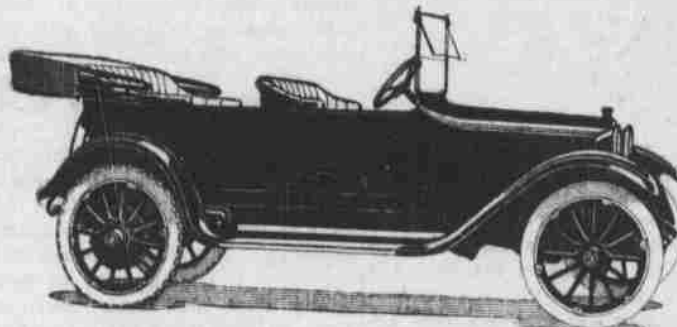
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